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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ HIS SUPPORT IN HIS SPEECH (REFTEL) FOR A MEETING OF THE RIO TREATY ORGAN OF CONSULTATION AS THE WAY TO HANDLE CUBAN SANCTIONS. VAZQUEZ SAID HE HAD NO REPEAT NO INTENTION OF CALLING FOR SUCH A MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE, BUT WAS MERELY REITERATING THE COLOMBIAN POSITION THAT SINCE THE CUBA SANCTIONS ARE NO LONGER EFFECTIVE, THE PROPER COURSE NOW IS TO FORMALLY TERMINATE THEM BEFORE FURTHER DAMAGE IS DONE TO THE RIO TREATY. HE SAID THE WAIVER ON ARGENTINE SALES WAS A MAJOR BREACH IN THE SANCTIONS -- A BREACH WITH WHICH THE U.S. HAS NOW CONCURRED, HOWEVER RELUCTANTLY. VAZQUEZ SAID HE HAD PRESIDENT PASTRANA'S SUPPORT FOR HIS STATEMENT. HE ADDED THAT SOMEONE, PERHAPS PERU, WAS ALMOST SURE TO TAKE THIS UP WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

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2. IN A SEPARATE CONVERSATION, AMBASSADOR VALDERRAMA,

VAZQUEZ' DEPUTY, RELAYED THE SAME INFORMATION AND ADDED THAT THE OUTGOING COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT WAS CERTAINLY NOT IN A POSITION TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE.

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